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The distance of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 25, 2002.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of JOSE RAMON BOTELLA

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time, up to and including September 26, 2002 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002. Applicant has paid the fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$920.00 for a three-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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